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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Why was there such inordinate delay in the drafting of the rules? If I remember aright, it is more than a year since the Act was passed by the Legislature.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That question also arose in my mind. But, Sir, the Board, in framing the rules, wanted copies of printed speeches of hon. Members made on the floor of the House in which they had made many suggestions. Copies of printed speeches were not available. We supplied the proof copies in March or April. After scrutiny of these suggestions, the Board asked for certain clarifications and the Law Department had to scrutinize them again. No doubt this has taken a longer time than usual. But this is a new Act which embraces so many activities of that section of the people.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that this Bill was introduced as early as 1955? There was a discussion in both the Houses. Then it was referred to a Joint Select Committee and it submitted a report. The Bill was again introduced in the House after sometime, after it had lapsed. To which speeches is the Hon. Minister referring? Is he referring to speeches made when the Bill was first introduced or speeches made when the Bill was re-introduced?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I was only referring to speeches made immediately before the Bill was passed into law. The Bill was passed into law in December 1957.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : May I know why copies of the speeches delivered by the Members were required by the Board, when there is the Act which gives power under various sections?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, there were certain comments and criticisms during the course of the debate on the Bill, bringing to the notice of the Government certain things. For instance, I may mention one thing regarding the fixing of the licence fee. Some Members suggested that it could be a lower rate. We accepted. Such matters the Board wanted to refer to.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that even though the Act was passed, it has not been put into operation? The result is that in the Madras City high rates are being charged and the middle class people are put to a good deal of suffering. Their need is such that they go to those people and borrow money by paying a higher rate of interest.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Now the suffering will be a matter of weeks or months.

Government Estate, Guindy

* 25 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to develop a portion of the Government Estate, Guindy, as a Public Park and, if so, the estimated cost of the scheme and the stage at which the matter now stands? 8-10 p.m.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes. The Government have sanctioned the formation of a Public-*cum*-Children's Park and a Deer Park at an estimated cost of Rs. 1·19 lakhs for implementation during the current financial year. The work is now in progress.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: ஐயா அந்த இடம் அடையாற்றுக்கும் சைதாப்பேட்டைக்கும் வெகு தொலை தூரத்தில் தனித்து இருப்பதால், அந்த இடத்திற்கு ஜனங்களும், பிள்ளைகளும் பெரும்பாலும் வரமாட்டார்கள். ஆகவே வேறு ஒரு இடத்தைப்பற்றி யோசிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : பார்க் என்பது கடையில் விற்கக்கூடிய பொருள் அல்ல. எங்கே பார்க்குக்குத்தகுந்த இடம் இருக்கிறதோ, அங்கேதான் அதை ஏற்படுத்த வேண்டும். அப்படிப்பட்ட வசதி அங்கேதான் இருக்கிறது. அந்த இடம்தான் இந்தியாவிலேயே, என் உலகத்திலேயே, இருக்கக்கூடிய அழகான இடம் என்று பல நிபுணர்கள் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்கள். அந்த அமைப்பு அங்கேதான் இருக்கிறது. முன்பு இருந்த கவர்னர் அவர்கள் அந்த இடத்தை நம்மிடம் ஒப்படைத்திருக்கிறார். அங்கேதான் ஏராளமான மான்கள் இருக்கின்றன. பறவைகளும் அந்த ஏரியாவில்தான் அதிகமாக இருக்கின்றன. அதனால் வேறு எந்த இடத்தையும் தேடிக்கொண்டு போகவேண்டாம் என்று தோன்றுகிறது.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont.*

* MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, the Leader of the House will reply to the discussion on the Governor's Address.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, concluding his Address to the Joint Session of the Madras Legislature, the Governor has expressed the hope that our deliberations will be conducted with the usual forbearance, decorum and thoroughness for which this Legislature is justly renowned. The course of the debate on the Governor's Address in this House in the last four days has fully established the assumption made by the Governor. Several speakers participated in the debate and almost every one of them had something very useful to say and some points of view to express and, in fact, many of the speeches were replete with excellent suggestions for action. The Government, both consciously and unconsciously, are influenced by the views expressed by hon. Members of this House, even though I must regret that some of the Ministers are not able to be present all the time when all the Members are speaking. Criticisms of various departments are taken note of and when those matters are taken up for consideration, certainly the views expressed by the hon. Members will receive due weight.

Sir, the practice of an Address or a Speech from the Throne which is prevalent in the British House of Commons has been followed in our Constitution. A perusal of the debates in the British House of Commons, following an Address by the King, discloses